(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which these norms will be helpful for exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). A revised procedure of considering applications under 100% EOUs and EPZ Schemes had been introduced a longwith dalegation of some specific powers of Board of Approvals/Administrative Ministrias to Devalopment Commissioners of EPZs. Certain procedural simplifications have also been effected.

(c). With the procedural simplification and delecation of powers, tha units working under the two Schemes are expected to give better performance.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of an Agency to Supervise Functioning of Sick Public Sector Units

1380. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the workload and the jurisdiction of the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction has increased manifold;

(b) if so, whether any parallel agency is proposed to be set up to supervise the functioning of the sick public sector units; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[*English*]

Selling Price of VSF and HWM FIBRE.

1381. SHRI KARIYA MUNDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the companies manufacturing viscose staple fibre and High Wiscosity Manomer fibre in the country and the prices at which these fibres were sold in January, 1990;

(b) whether the price of Viscose Staple Fibre has been increased a number of times during the last two years;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check price rise thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to take over distribution of indigenous Viscose Staple Fibre and also fix the price thereof; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) A Statement is attached.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There is no statutory price control on V.S.F. The price increases can be attributed to the overall increase in the prices of almost all commodities, raw materials/input used in the manufacture of V.S.F. , Government levies, wages, etc.

(d) At present there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

STATEMENT

Names of companies manufacturing regular Viscose Staple Fibre and High Wiscosity Manomer fiber are use under:-

Regular Viscose

1. M/s Grasim Industries Ltd.

2. M/s South India Viscose Ltd.

High Wiscosity Manomer

1. M/s Century Rayon.

2. M/s Grasim Industries.

3. M/s Tungbhadra Fibre Ltd.

Manufacture of H.W.M. Fibre has been discontinued since December, 1988. The selling price of V.S.F. was Rs. 38.63 par kg. during January, 1990.

Implementation of Award of National Industrial Tribunal for RRBs

1382. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the specific recommendations in the Award of the National Industrial Tribunal for Regional Rural Banks given on 30.4.1990;

(b) whether all the recommendations of the award have been implemented after acceptace of the Award by the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay and the time frame for full implementation of the Award?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (d). The main features of the Award of the National Industrial Tribunal for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) given on 30.4.1990 are as follows:-

(i) Before 1.9.1987 the employees of the RRBs should be given pay, allowances and benefits to which the employees of the State Government are entitled.

(ii) With effect from 1.9.1987, the officers and employees of the RRBs should get the same pay, allowances and other benefits as are payable to their counter parts in the sponsor banks.

(iii) Government may decide the actual equation of posts and consequent fixation of new scales of pay, allowances and other benefits admissible to the officers and employees of the RRBs. Government orders allowing sponsor bank pay scales for equated posts, based on the recommendations of the Equation Committee appointed by Government have been issued on 22nd February, 1991. The RRBs have been advised to pay arrears of pay and allowances consequent to the re-fixation of pay in the new pay scale w.e.f. 1.1.1991. The total financial implications of payment of arrears for the period prior to 1.1.1991 have been estimated at about Rs. 200 crores. Since RRBs do not have funds of this order to make the payments, the mechanism for the payment of arrears are being worked out by NABARD, RBI and Gov-